

EMMAUS

LEXINGTON COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

"Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way...?"

March 2015

Discipleship...

Thoughts on Sponsorship

Remember the love you felt on your walk or flight? Don't you want others to experience that same love? There is a simple solution....SPONSORSHIP!!

Sponsorship is the first act of agape before their walk/flight begins. You should prayerfully consider the potential pilgrim/caterpillar. The weekend is NOT an opportunity to convert someone to Christianity, but to build up Christian leaders within the Body of Christ. It is the foundation for a healthy, effective movement. Remember Emmaus and Chrysalis is right for many people; however they are not for everyone.

Take your role as a sponsor seriously. Make sure you are in constant prayer for your pilgrim/caterpillar. Attend all the community events. Care for family members left behind. Ensure they have agape letters. Remember you are showing sacrificial love this weekend.

Your role as sponsor does not end that weekend. Be sure to get your candidate to the next gathering. Help them get involved in a reunion group to help hold them accountable for their new commitments. Always be in prayer for them.

With the Spring Walks coming up, we all should start prayerfully considering who we can sponsor. Make it a part of your fourth day experience to help deepen someone's relationship with Christ!

De Colores, Fly with Christ
Jen Marshall

Christian Action...

A chance to help advance the kingdom

Please make plans to join us **May 8, 2015 from 6:00-8:00pm** for the 18th Annual Taste of Jessamine County! Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Jessamine County Food Pantry, Nicholasville UMC Manna Meals and **Adventure Serve**.

AdventureServe is the camp the Lexington Emmaus Community is partnering with in an effort to get the campground in good working order so that we can hold our Chrysalis and Journey Flights there. Chrysalis #37 was held there in February but was interrupted by the big snow. The Flight will continue March 6 and 7. Please support our Chrysalis Community and AdventureServe.

Growth Through Study...

A book review: UNBROKEN by Laura Hillenbrand

Toots was the younger brother with two younger sisters born to immigrant parents. He was always pushing the limits set by his parents, teachers, and Scout leaders. In the Depression of the 1930s he learned to survive by snatching anything from a pie on a windowsill to store merchandise. The family went to church, but this second son had no connection with the Lord.

As he entered high school, Toots' delinquency proceeded. The authorities banned him from any social or athletic activities. Brother Pete, an upper classman, convinced the principal the boy craved any attention, good or bad; most attention given him was negative. If Toots could participate in sports and have some success, his whole attitude would change. With provisional approval of the principal, Toots found success in mile races. As 1936 approached, his goal changed to running the metric mile in the Olympics. Qualifying in the metric mile was not likely for the high school national record holder in the mile. He sacrificed the metric mile for the 5000 meters, more than three times the distance. He qualified in the Olympic trials in NY and was the highest placing American in the 5000 meters at Berlin.

After the Olympic Games, Toots enrolled at USC to train for the 1940 Games scheduled for Tokyo. When Japan invaded mainland Asia, the Olympic Games were transferred to Finland. Germany and Russia declared war on their neighbors and the Games were cancelled. Distance training evolved into bombardier training in the Army Air Forces. A crew formed and survived several combat missions in the Pacific. Sustaining almost 600 holes from flak and Zero guns, the crew barely returned to base; most of the crew were severely wounded. The plane never flew again; only the pilot, copilot, and bombardier returned to flying immediately.

Their next flight was a sea search with both crew and plane patched together. It crashed with only three men, pilot, bombardier, and a gunner surfacing and in rafts. The bombardier's second lifetime prayer came at the end of the fifth day in the rafts; the words never left his mouth. By the 20th day in a survival raft, Toots prayed aloud that if God provided water and food and they survived, he would dedicate his life to him. On the 27th day, the crew were shot at and missed by a Japanese bomber. On the 33rd day, the gunner died, the bombardier spoke what bits he remembered for committing the dead to the sea and the gunner sank. They were picked up on day 48 by a Japanese ship. They had drifted 2000 miles. On July 16, 1943, they went into their first prison camp—Execution Island!

Prayer can be ignored. It can become a daily habit. Life events build on prayer. Toots, given name is Louis, was in the depths of his personal depression. With much cajoling, Louis agreed to listen to Billy Graham who was in town. In the midst of prayer, Billy said, "You can leave during the sermon, but not now." As Billy spoke, Louis had a flashback to the 20th day in the raft and his prayer. Fighting going forward, Graham spoke to Louis, "This is it. God has spoken to you. You come on." Faith blossomed. Forgiveness trumped vengeance. No more flashbacks. No more alcohol. A life changed to serving God.

There is more to the life of Louis Zamperini revealed in *UNBROKEN* by Laura Hillenbrand. The book focuses more on the issues of prayer, faith, and forgiveness than the movie. As you read of the transformation of Louis, look also at what God is doing in your life.

DeColores,
Fred Walsh

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Priorities...

Events for your calendar

March 6	Gathering, Wilmore UMC 209 E. Main, Wilmore Continuation of Chrysalis 37	6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. worship AdventureServe
March 7	Closing - Chrysalis Flight 37	2:30 p.m. Wilmore Community Missionary Church 702 East Main, Wilmore
April 9 – 12	Men's Walk #127	<i>Lonnie Watts, Lay Director</i>
April 23 – 26	Women's Walk #128	<i>Jane Yerace, Lay Director</i>
May 8	Taste of Jessamine County to benefit AdventureServe	
October 8 – 11	Men's Walk #129	
October 22 – 25	Women's Walk #130	



Deadlines for Registration

Men's Walk #127	March 16
Women's Walk #128	April 2

Life in Piety...

Praying for each other



Have a prayer request? Contact prayer@lexingtonemmaus.org or Bob Coppings (elibobcon@att.net or 606 367 8660) and he will put it on the Lexington Emmaus prayer chain. Also, if you are interested in joining this prayer chain please contact Bob.

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